

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-32 and amend claim 33 as follows.

1 – 32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) [The article of claim 30,] An article comprising at least one computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a computerized system to:

import random sample statistics of a target database system into a test system for emulating the target database system, wherein the target database system supports a standard database query language;

store the random sample statistics in a storage location;

generate a full set of statistics from the random sample statistics; and

use the full set of statistics in selecting a query plan in response to a given query;

wherein the instructions when executed also cause the computerized system to:

import cost-related information of the target database system; and

emulate an environment of the target database system based on the random sample statistics and cost-related information of the target database system,

wherein using the full set of statistics in selecting the query plan is performed in the emulated environment.

Please add the following claim.

34. (New) A computer-implemented method comprising:
importing random sample statistics of a target database system into a test system for emulating the target database system, wherein the target database system supports a standard database query language;

storing the random sample statistics in a storage location;

generating a full set of statistics from the random sample statistics; and

using the full set of statistics in selecting a query plan in response to a given query;

wherein the method also includes:

importing cost-related information of the target database system; and
emulating an environment of the target database system based on the
random sample statistics and cost-related information of the target database
system,

wherein using the full set of statistics in selecting the query plan is
performed in the emulated environment.